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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., February 4, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, submitting estimates for the Indian Service to June 30, 1863.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount, and for the purpose indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

C. S. A., WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, Va., February 4th, 1863.

His Excellency, THE PRESIDENT:

SIR: I have the honor to enclose for transmission to Congress the estimates of appropriations required for the Indian Service to June 30, 1863.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

C. S. A., War Department, Office of Indian Affairs,
Richmond, February 3d, 1863.

Hon. James A. Seddon,
Secretary of War:

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith estimates of appropriations necessary to meet the expenses of the Indian Service to June 30th, 1863.

The accumulation of business in this office, during an absence of four months on my part, in visiting the Indians west of Arkansas, joined with matters growing out of that mission, which required prompt attention, has prevented me from preparing and submitting these papers at an earlier day.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. S. SCOTT,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS necessary to comply with treaty stipulations made with certain Indian Tribes to June 30th, 1863, inclusive.

Creek Treaty, July 10, 1861.

For perpetual annuities from July 1st, 1862 to June 30th, 1863, under article 41, to be paid to the Treasurers of the Nation	$24,500 00
For interest from July 1st, 1862 to June 30th, 1863, under article 41, on the sum of $200,000 in the Treasury of the United States, and which should have been invested for educational purposes—to be paid to the Treasurers of the Nation	10,000 00
For annual provision for education from July 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, under article 41, to be paid to the Treasurers of the Nation	7,000 00
For annual provision, under article 41, for wagon-makers, blacksmiths, shops, iron, steel and agricultural purposes from July 1st, 1862 to June 30th, 1863, to be paid to the Treasurers of the Nation	7,640 00
Amount	$49,140 00

Choctaw and Chickasaw Treaty, July 12, 1861.

For permanent annuities for the Choctaws, and other amounts, payments and allowances from July 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, under article 53, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Nation	$10,520 00
For interest from July 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, on the sum of $500,000, under article 53, held in trust for the Choctaws, under treaty of June 22d, 1863, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Nation	25,000 00
For permanent annuity, under article 56, payable to the Chickasaws, and interest on the investments and funds of the Chickasaws, in the Treasury of the United States, from July 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Nation	25,606 89
Amount	$61,126 89

Seminole Treaty, August 1, 1861.

For permanent annuity payable December 30th, 1862, under article 38, $5,000 of the same to be paid to the Treasurer of the Nation, to be used and disbursed as the General Council may direct, and the residue of $20,000 to be paid per capita by the agent of the Seminoles, to all the individuals of the Nation equally and share alike	25,000 00
For annual provision for the support of schools, payable December 30th, 1862, under article 38, to be applied and expended under the direction of the President, by the agent of the Seminoles	3,000 00
For annual provision for smiths and smith-shops, payable December 30th, 1862, under article 38, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Nation, and expended under the direction of the General Council	2,200 00
For annual provision for agricultural assistance, payable December 30th, 1862, under article 38, to be expended under the direction of the President by the agent of the Seminoles	2,000 00
Amount	$32,200 00

Cherokee Treaty, October 7, 1861.

For interest from July 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, under article 45, on $5,000 of the Cherokee Orphan Fund uninvested by the United States, and on stocks amounting to $10,561 39 of the United States and States not of this Confederacy, forming parts of Cherokee National and School Funds, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Nation	$893 68

Osage Treaty, Oct. 2, 1861.

For hire of smiths, wagon-makers, purchase of medicines and salary of physician from December 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, under articles 23 and 24.....	$1,500 00
For annual purchase of clothing and other articles to be distributed to the Osages during the year 1863, under article 39.....	10,000 00
Amount.....	$11,500 00

Reserve Indian Treaty, August 12, 1861.

For rations of provisions furnished, and to be furnished the Witchita and other Reserve Indians by C. B. Johnson, contractor, from December 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, under article 14.....	$50,000 00
For hire of smith's wagon-maker, purchase of medicines, compensation of physician, pay of farmers, hire of laborers, and subsistence of said farmers and laborers from December 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, under articles 16 and 17.....	10,000 00
Amount.....	$60,000 00

Comanche Treaty, August 12, 1861.

For rations of provisions furnished and to be furnished the Comanches by C. B. Johnson, contractor, from Dec. 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, under article 15.....	$10,000 00
For hire of smiths, wagon-maker, purchase of medicines and compensation of physician from Dec. 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, under article 17.....	1,500 00
Amount.....	$14,500 00

Recapitulation.

Amount under Creek treaty.....	$49,140 00
" " Choctaw and Chickasaw treaty.....	61,126 89
" " Seminole treaty.....	32,200 50
" " Cherokee treaty.....	893 68
" " Osage treaty.....	11,500 00
" " Reserve Indian treaty.....	60,000 00
" " Comanche treaty.....	11,500 00
Whole amount under treaties.....	$226,360 57

ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATIONS necessary to meet current and contingent expenses of the several Indian Agencies from December 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863.

Cherokee Agency.

Salary of agent for the Cherokees, from December 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, at $1,500 per annum.....	$875 00
Pay of interpreter for the Cherokees, for some time, at $400 per annum.....	233 33
Contingent expenses of office, &c.....	100 00
Amount.....	$1,208 33

Creek Agency.

Pay of interpreter for the Creeks from December 1st 1862 to June 30th, 1863, at $400 per annum.....	233 33

Seminole Agency.

Salary of agent for the Seminoles from December 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, at $1,500 per annum.....	$875 00
Pay of interpreter for same time at $400 per annum...	233 33
Contingent expenses, &c.....	100 00
Amount.....	$1,208 33

Osage Agency.

Salary of agent for the Osages from December 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, at $1,500 per annum.....	$875 00
Pay of interpreter for same time, at $400 per annum...	233 33
Contingent expenses, &c.....	100 00
Amount.....	$1,208 33

Reserve Agency.

Salary of agent for the Wichitas and other Reserve Indians from December 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, at $1,500 per annum.....	$875 00
Pay of two interpreters for same time at $400 per annum each.....	466 66
Contingent expenses of office, forage for horses, &c.....	2,000 00
Amount.....	$3,341 66

Recapitulation.

For Cherokee Agency	$1,208 33
" Creek Agency	233 33
" Seminole Agency	1,208 33
" Osage Agency	1,208 33
" Reserve Indian Agency	3,341 66
Amount	$7,199 98

Total.

Amount of estimates of appropriations necessary to comply with treaty stipulations	$226,360 57
Amount of estimates of appropriations necessary to meet current and contingent expenses of agencies	7,199 98
Grand total	$233,560 55

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